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SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL MINING CORPORATION- NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOC

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BEGIN SUMMARY: CORPORATION PRESIDENT PATRICK O NEILL, WHO CAME FROM NEW YORK TO NEGOTIATE WITH MINISTER OF MINES, CALLED ON AMBASSADOR MARCH 15 TO INFORM HIM OF STATUS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. HE REPORTED THAT THE MINISTER HAD TAKEN A VERY HARD LINE; INDICATING THAT THE GOC WANTED 51 PERCENT OF THE COMPANIES WITHOUT PAYMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. IMC EXECUTIVES MET WITH MINISTER OF MINES ON MARCH 13. THE MINISTER SAID IMC SHOULD SIGN OVER 51 PERCENT OF ITS HOLDINGS TO GOC, WITHOUT COMPENSATION. HE ALSO SAID GOC WAS UNWILLING TO ASSUME COSTS OF ANY SOCIAL BENEFITS OWED TO WORKERS (PENSION PLANS, ETC). HE ADDED THAT IF COMPANY DID NOT ACCEPT GOC OFFER, THE CONGRESS WOULD FORCE AN EXPROPRIATION.

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2. O, NEILL SAID THE MINISTER' S POSITION CAME AS A GREAT SURPRISE. IMC WAS WILLING TO SELL THE GOC 51 PERCENT OF CHOCO- PACIFICO AND FRONTINO GOLD MINES FOR ONE HALF OF THE SOCIAL BENEFITS OWED (ONE HALF OF 5 MILLION DOLLARS). PATIO WAS MORE COMPLICATED, BECAUSE IT WAS NOT A WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF IMC. ALSO, PATO' S ONLY ASSETS ARE ITS COLOMBIAN OPEMMENDATION 29 THAT MORE EFFECTIVE COORDINATION OF UN ACTIVITIES IN COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY WAS NEEDED. REGARDING CREATION OF EXPERT GROUP SAID THAT ACASTD SHOULD CONTINUE ITS ACTIVITIES IN THIS FIELD.

5. BRAZIL AGREED THAT ACC SHOULD BE COORDINATING BODY BUT PROPOSED CREATION OF STANDING GROUP OF EXPERTS UNDER CSTD. TO ADVISE LDCS IN APPLICATION OF COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY. ALSO EXPRESSED NEED TO GUARANTEE LDCS ACCESS TO COMPUTER SOFTWARE WITHOUT PATENT OR OTHER OBSTACLES.

6. INDIA MADE DISTINCTION BETWEEN DEVELOPING COUNTRY NEEDS FOR SMALL, MEDIUM AND LARGE COMPUTERS. SUGGESTED THAT REALISTIC PLAN WOULD BE FOR LDCS TO LOOK FORWARD SELF- SUFFICIENCY IN PRODUCING SMALL COMPUTERS AND RELY ON IMPORTATION OF LARGE ONES. INDIA RECOMMENDED THAT EXPERT GROUP MENTIONED RECOMMENDATION 30 SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED UNDER CSTD RATHER THAN ACASTD. ANOTHER AREA IN WHICH CSTD SHOULD TAKE POSITIVE ACTION ON COMPUTER APPLICATION IS INFORMATION SHARING AND DISSEMINATION.

7. UK SAID THERE IS LARGE BODY OF USEFUL INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN STORAGE BANKS WHICH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES CAN USE. SUPPORTED E/ C.8/11 RECOMMENDATION 29 THAT ACC SHOULD INCREASE COORDINATION AMONG UN AGENCIES IN APPLICATION COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT. RE RECOMMENDATION 30 SUPPORTED ACASTD AS APPROPRIATE BODY FOR STUDY OF COMPUTER APPLICATION.

8. RUMANIA ANNOUNCED AT BEGINNING OF P. M. SESSION THAT IT AND OTHER COUNTRIES WOULD INTRODUCE RESOLUTION WITH AMENDMENTS TO E/ C.8/11 RECOMMENDATIONS.

9. USSR SAID US COMPANY' S DOMINATION OF WORLD COMPUTER MARKET IS FORM OF TECHNOLOGICAL COLONIALISM. SAID THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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E/C.8/11 PLACES TOO MUCH EMPHASIS WHICH PRIVATE SECTOR HAS IN APPLYING COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPMENT. MORE MENTION SHOULD BE MADE OF INPUT OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES TO NEEDS DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. RE RECOMMENDATION 29 FEELS THAG TO STATEMENT, SINN FEIN WOULD HAVE TO " FIGHT (ELECTION CAMPAIGN) WITH OUR HANDS BEHIND OUR BACKS." ELECTIONS FOR NEW NI ASSEMBLY WERE NOT MENTIONED.

3. MYLES SHEVLIN, LAWYER WHO NORMALLY DEFENDS TOP PROVOS, HAS TOLD PRESS THAT HE EXPECTS SEAN MACSTIOFAIN TO BE RELEASED FROM JAIL IN ABOUT A MONTH.

4. " OFFICIAL" SINN FEIN, WITH CLOSELY RELATED SIX" COUNTY REPUBLICAN CLUBS, ALSO MET OVER WEEKEND-- IN DUBLIN-- AND ALSO REITERATED REJECTION OF WHITE PAPER.

OFFICIALS, HOWEVER, LEFT OPEN STRONG POSSIBILITY OF CONTESTING NI LOCAL GOVT ELECTIONS.

5. COMMENT: PROVOS' DECISION TO RENEW VIOLENCE WAS PERHAPS MOST DISCOURAGING DEVELOPMENT DURING WEEK OF WHITE PAPER. DECISION WAS, HOWEVER, HARDLY SURPRISING. AT THIS POINT, WHAT WOULD SURPRISE US WOULD BE PROVO WILLINGNESS TO MOVE CAMPAIGN OUT OF VIOLENCE AND INTO POLITICS. PROVOS SEEM TO HAVE BEEN AS INEPT POLITICALLY WHILE MACSTIOFAIN HAS BEEN IN JAIL AS THEY WERE WHEN HE WAS IN CHARGE. GIVEN EXPERIENCES OF PAST YEAR, IT IS EASY UNDERSTAND BRITISH RELUCTANCE DEAL WITH PROVOS, BUT OBSERVERS HERE WOULD BE RELIEVED IF BOTH PROVO AND OFFICIAL ORGANIZATIONS COULD BE DRAWN INTO ELECTION CAMPAIGN. THIS, WE WOULD GUESS, ACCOUNTS FOR WILLINGNESS OF COSGRAVE ADMINISTRATION TO ALLOW MEETINGS TO BE HELD IN REPUBLIC WITHOUT POLICE HARRASSMENT. MOORE

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